

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION, INTERGOVERNMENTAL
& VETERANS RELATIONS**

July 13, 2010

The Honorable,
The Board of Commissioners of Cook County

ATTENDANCE

Present: Vice Chairman Silvestri, Commissioners Beavers, Butler, Collins, Daley, Gorman, Goslin, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider and Sims (11)

Absent: Chairman Suffredin, Commissioners Claypool, Gainer, Moreno, Peraica and Steele (6)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Legislation, Intergovernmental & Veterans Relations of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County met pursuant to notice on Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at the hour of 9:15 A.M. in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Your Committee has considered the following items and upon adoption of this report, the recommendations are as follows:

306186 COOK COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (APPOINTMENT). Transmitting a Communication, dated April 20, 2010 from Todd H. Stroger, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners.

I hereby appoint Mr. **VINCENT ROBERT WILLIAMS** to the Cook County Zoning Board of Appeals, for a term beginning immediately and expire on August 20, 2014.

I submit this communication for your approval.

***Referred to the Committee on Legislation, Intergovernmental & Veterans Relations on 4/20/10.**

Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, moved to Defer Communication No. 306186. The motion carried.

306875 OPPOSING ADDITIONAL LOCAL POLICE DUTIES (PROPOSED RESOLUTION).
Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by Peter N. Silvestri, County Commissioner.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

OPPOSING ADDITIONAL LOCAL POLICE DUTIES

WHEREAS, law enforcement and the maintenance of law and order is one of the most important duties of government and is paramount in a civilized society; and

WHEREAS, public safety is enhanced by different levels of government recognizing their responsibility in a system of different responsibilities among such governments, while working together on maintaining the quality of life; and

WHEREAS, local police departments are the foundation of public safety, whereby such officers are the closest to the people, with a better understanding of the residents and community in which they serve; and

WHEREAS, the County Sheriff's Office plays an important role in working with such local police jurisdictions, augmenting their services through regional law enforcement programs and initiatives, and by providing resources and facilities that individual police departments may be unable to provide; and

WHEREAS, budgetary constraints have compelled the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department to become the primary law enforcement agency in Ford Heights, a south suburban community in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, various other suburban communities experiencing budgetary constraints are now considering eliminating their local police departments in order to save funds, thereafter relying on the Sheriff's Police Department to assume primary police authority and duties in their municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the County Sheriff's Police Department is not staffed or equipped to assume such duties in additional municipalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Board of Commissioners of Cook County oppose the expansion of primary police authority and duties to additional municipal jurisdictions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sheriff's Office is advised that no additional resources will be provided to expand such authority and duties; except where Board approval provides for funding through contract policing, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State's Attorney's Office is directed to initiate any legal action necessary to prevent the expansion of such police authority and duties to additional municipalities review and concur with any such contract policing intergovernmental agreement police contract and issue a recommendation to the Board prior to consideration of such agreement by the Board,

***Referred to the Committee on Legislation, Intergovernmental & Veterans Relations on 6/1/10.**

Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, moved to accept the amendment for Communication No. 306875.

Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, moved the approval of Communication No. 306875 as amended. The motion carried.

Commissioner Beavers voted No on the above item.

307206 COOK COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (APPOINTMENT). Transmitting a Communication, dated June 15, 2010 from Todd H. Stroger, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners.

I hereby appoint Mr. TERRY O'BRIEN as the Chairman to the Cook County Zoning Board of Appeals, for a term beginning immediately and to expire on August 20, 2012.

I submit this communication for your approval.

***Referred to the Committee on Legislation, Intergovernmental & Veterans Relations on 6/15/10.**

Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, moved to defer Communication No. 307206. The motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Silvestri asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code, Sec. 2-108(dd):

1. George Blakemore – Concerned Citizen

Commissioner Sims moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

**YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS
WITH REGARD TO THE MATTERS NAMED HEREIN:**

Communication Number 306186
Communication Number 306875
Communication Number 307206

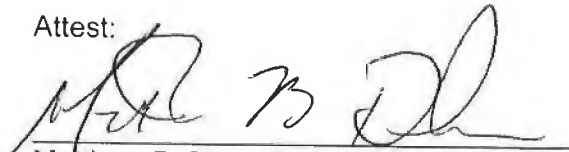
Deferred
Approved As Amended
Deferred

Respectfully submitted,
Committee on Legislation,
Intergovernmental & Veterans
Relations



Peter N. Silvestri, Vice-Chairman

Attest:



Matthew B. DeLeon, Secretary